

**Put on your  
detective hat...**



**...and search  
for clues to  
things that  
may be  
polluting our  
waterways.**

See reverse side for answers!

**STORM WATER carries pollutants from our yards, streets, and sidewalks into storm drains, which empty into local waterways **without any treatment...****

Fertilize lightly, and never right before a rainstorm. Substitute chemical fertilizers and pesticides with products that contain natural ingredients.

Service your car regularly to prevent leaks. Recycle antifreeze and motor oil — dumping a single quart of oil down the storm drain can create a two acre oil slick.

Put dog waste in the toilet or trash can; it adds disease-causing bacteria to our waterways.

Wash your car on the lawn, so the soapy water doesn't run down the storm drain.

Bag or compost leaves and other yard waste; don't allow leaves to collect in the street.

Place litter in proper trash receptacles or take to your local recycling center.

**Did you find all the pollutants in the magnifying glass?**

**Today, human activity threatens the health of our rivers and streams. What we do on the **land** directly affects our **water** quality. So be a sleuth and do your part to help keep our waterways clean. We ALL live downstream!**

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For more information on storm drain protection, please call:  
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